

## **Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body**

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE**

## **Governor's Forest Health OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Oversight Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Oversight Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**Thursday, December 8, 2005**

**9:30- 4:00**

**Executive Tower**

**1700 W. Washington**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Phoenix, Arizona**

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- 1) Call to order- Tom O'Halleran, Diane Vosick, Kirk Rowdabaugh, Rob Smith, Michael Neal, Erica Rosenberg, Rob Davis, Lori F, Jean Calhaun, Tom Klabunde
  - 2) Review and vote on minutes from the **11.10.05 and 10.13.05** meeting
  - 3) Subcommittees
    - a. Reports
      - i. Mapping & Assessment - Barron Orr  
Barron Orr was unable to be at the meeting, but a report was sent and read at the meeting. The report covered progress on the five different initiatives: The State Forest office & GIS-tool are "up and running"; AZ FIREMAP-Fuel Treatments module- an alpha demo was conducted using the AZ FIREMAP as part of demo-; Building and Sustaining AZ Wildfires Prevention; Improving Community Readiness; And The AZ Hydrologic Information System
      - ii. Policy – No report
      - iii. Utilization & Commerce –No Report
      - iii. Zoning & Implementation – Erica Rosenberg agreed to draft a letter to the Attorney General on behalf of Kirk Rowdabaugh requesting clarification on county authorities.
      - iv. Education - Michael Neal  
Mike reported on education activities last year:  
500,000 FIREWISE brochures distributed to homeowners and retailers  
PSA produced with Governor Napolitano to encourage FireWise  
Developed a PSA w/ Black Canyon City  
News Release to promote an educational day  
Spent one day with volunteers passing out information on vegetation and cleaning  
Would like to set a summit Volunteer sponsorship- distribution through website, e-mails  
A list of those who donated was asked  
It was suggested that the Council organize a list of accomplishments for the last year.  
CWPP grant program
      - v. Strategic Vision Ethan Aumack  
Jean Palumbo (for Ethan) reported that progress has been made on the statewide "strategy for Arizona".
      - vi. Climate Change & Variability- Thomas Swetnam  
Continue to work on drafting parts of past, present & future impacts of climate on AZ forest.

- 4) Review of letter to Congressman Rick Renzi thanking him for his legislation to expand the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) to Arizona (H.R. 3590) and providing an endorsement from the Council. The Council requested that more information about the success of the program be included in the letter before final approval. Changes were to have been sent to Diane Vosick.
- 5) Review of letter to the Corporation Commission in support of new changes to the Environmental Portfolio Standard  
The Council decided to wait until the new rules are released before sending our position on this.
- 6) Discussion of current operating procedures of the Oversight and Advisory Councils  
Lori Faeth is looking for new members to fill vacant spots. She will send a list to the Council that describes the open spots (the Executive Order identifies what interest groups should be represented on the Councils). She will be advancing names for approval to the Governor.
- 7) Review of 2005 Council Recommendations and Identification of 2006 Recommendations. This will be a separate attachment. The goal is to review it again at the January meeting.
- 8) Future meeting dates and locations
  - a. January 12, 2005- Visit to Spur Cross Ranch to see post-fire rehabilitation.
- 9) Call to the Public - none
- 10) Adjournment

*Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2005 - Governor's Forest Health Oversight Council*

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CO-CHAIRS

Diane Vosick – Ecological Restoration Institute, NAU  
Rep. Tom O'Halleran – Arizona House of Representatives

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